



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 03-621-A)

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Commissioner for Patents
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF
ALLOWABILITY MAILED ON DECEMBER 23, 2004**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowability mailed on December 23, 2004 in the above-referenced matter, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments to allowed claims 9 and 12 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are reflected in the listing of the claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS begin on page 8 of this paper.